Sample letter of support:

Dr. Richard L. Thompson State Superintendent of Education P.O. Box 771 Jackson, MS 39205-0771

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I commend the consortium of school districts in developing Project HOPE (Helping Others Promote Excellence) to help the students and parents in Mississippi achieve higher standards and secure brighter futures. The goals of Project HOPE closely match my Administration's goals of insuring that every child is reading by the end of the third grade, that families in need are provided literacy training and job training, that quality afterschool programs are offered to our students, and that community partners work with and support our schools' efforts. I gladly support the proposal's goals of serving approximately 450 adults and 750 children in various school districts across Mississippi.

If the project is successful in receiving 21st Century Learning Center Program grant funds, I know that my Offices will be able to provide helpful services and volunteers in various capacities as needed. We look forward to working with the consortium of schools and the community partners participating in Project HOPE and seeing the growth in Mississippi.

Sincerely,